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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

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Applicant also respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the following

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the application specification, claims and drawings for the foregoing U.S. Application is enclosed. It is noted that the document Europe 1 004 971 is a published counterpart for co-pending URECEIVED o. 09/447,305, filed November 23, 1999.

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The subject application has received an Office Action on the merits GROUP 3600 Application No. 09/447,305, filed November 23, 1999.

not yet received either a final action, a Notice Of Allowance or an action that otherwise closes prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

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